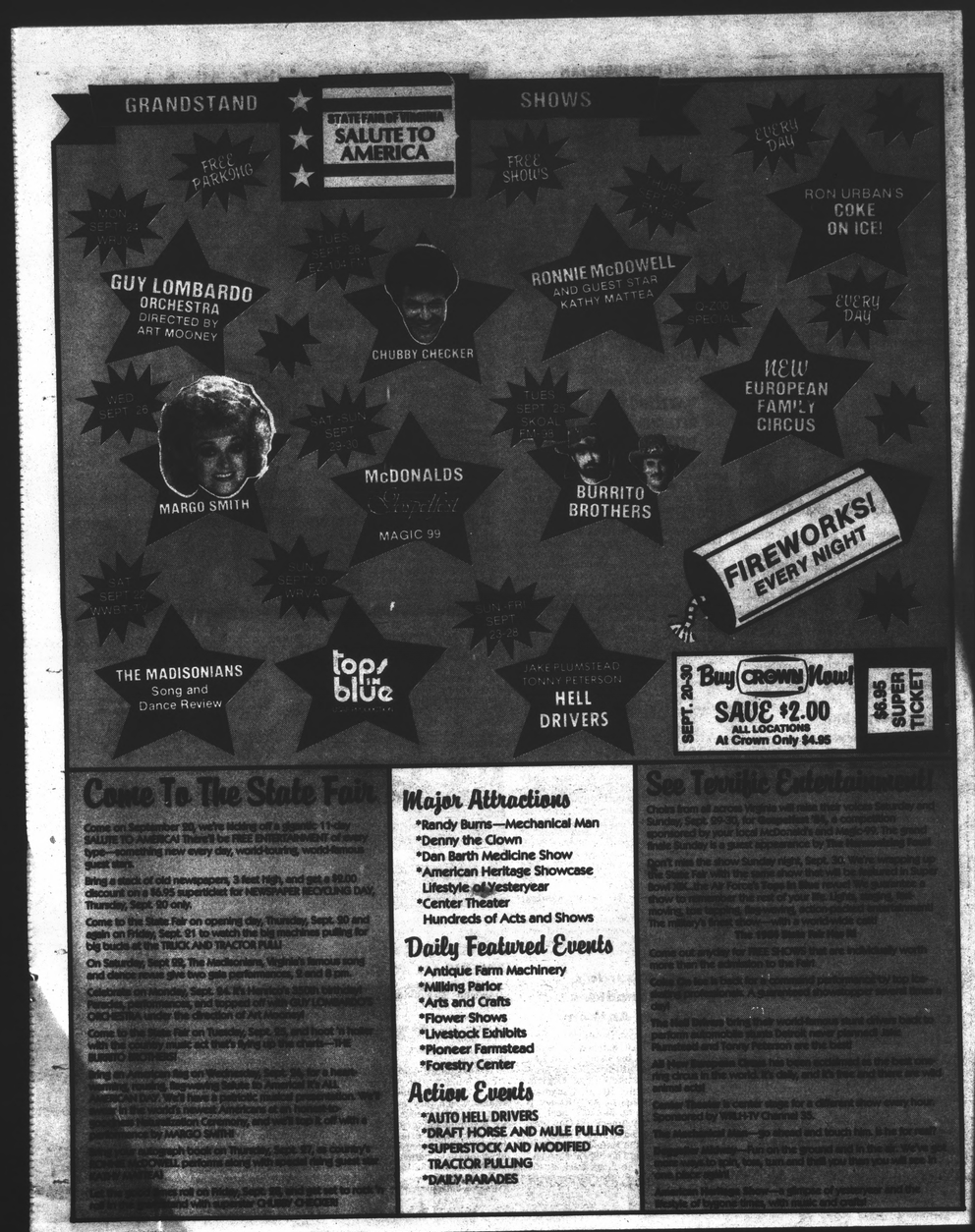

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In Appomattox

Ferraro gets mixed review

By FRANCES ABBITT

Geraldine Ferraro may or may not reach to goal to which she aspires...the office of vice-president of the United States. But, without a doubt, she's making headlines.

The nomination of a woman as running mate to Democratic presidential nominee Walter Mondale has created a lot of interest and a lot of talk.

How do the people of Appomattox feel about the possibility of having a woman in the office of vice-president of the United States?

Former Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt Sr. doesn't think it matters at all whether the candidate is a man or woman. What does matter is qualifications and experience.

"I think a woman would be fine if she can do the job. I don't think it matters whether the office is filled by a man or woman if they have the necessary qualifications, the necessary experience and can do the job. It's the experience and qualifications that matter," Abbitt said.

One senior citizen, and retired business woman who preferred not to see her name said, "I vote my convictions when I go to the polls. I consider the qualifications and experience of the candidate and make my decision."

"I would hate to see Geraldine Ferraro elected to the office of vice-president of the United States. Today she is ready to take over the office of president in the event something should happen to the president," she added.

"I think it would be fine for a woman to hold the office of vice-president if she is qualified. She must possess an inner knowledge of the workings of the government, foreign policy, the budget, the economy, etc. She must be strong-willed and a person capable of taking over as president should the need arise," Carter added.

Appomattox Mayor Ronald Spiggle believes the well-qualified person, man or woman, Democrat or Republican, is the right one for office of vice-president.

"If a woman is well-qualified, really knowledgable about what she's getting into and has the necessary experience, I would have no qualm about her being elected to the office of vice-president," Spiggle said.

John Ferguson of Wilbun's Market is all for having a woman as vice-president.

"Sure, I'd vote for a woman as vice-president. I think it's really great we have a woman running for the office," Ferguson said.

It is the opinion of many that it would be fine to have a woman in the office of vice-president but they don't feel Ferraro is quite ready for the job.

"I think it would be fine for a woman to hold the office of vice-president if she is qualified and has the necessary experience. After all, she goes in, knowing that if something happened to the president she would have to take over," said Warren Zick, retired agronomist.

"I certainly do not think the woman who is running for vice-president is at all qualified and I don't think she has the necessary experience. It is my opinion that she is far from qualified," Zick added.

Many are ready for a woman in the office of vice-president and don't mind saying so.

Thomas Chilton, retiree, living in Appomattox, had this to say, "I suppose I am the least prejudiced person in the world. I'm all for a woman vice-president if she is well qualified. I'm for the best and if a woman is best, them I'm all for her."

"In fact, if there were two individuals, equal in ability and experience, one a man and one a woman...My mother was strong, she was like the Rock of Gibralter, Chilton added.

"The fact that the vice-presidential nominee is a woman doesn't bother me at all," said Richard Robinson of Robinson Funeral Home.

Robert Carter, local attorney, doesn't object to a woman filling the office of vice-president, but he doesn't feel just any woman politician can do the job.

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APPOMATTOX RAIDER QUARTERBACK PAUL JOHNSON prepares to take the snap from center Jeff Williams in Friday night's season-opening varsity football victory against Buckingham. The Raiders scored on their first play from scrimmage against the Knights, and went on to win the contest, 26-12. See details on page 6 inside. (Photo by Ray Lee Trent)

FFA honors Bill Dudley

W. C. Dudley, Jr., of Pamplin, has been selected to receive the National FFA's VIP Citation at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City in November.

The Citation is presented annually to a limited number of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the National FFA Organization over a period of years.

Only twelve Virginians have been selected to receive the VIP Citation, including Walter S. Newman and ...

Others have included W. T. Spanton, M. A. Fields, C. B. Jeter, and Julian Campbell.

Dudley retired in 1980, after 44 years of service to agricultural education in Virginia.

A native of Montgomery County, Dudley graduated from Virginia Tech in agricultural education and later received his masters degree from the University of Virginia. In 1946, he was appointed area supervisor of agricultural education for Southside area, located in Appomattox. He served in that position until his retirement.

In 1967, he was named "Man of The Year in Forestry" by the Virginia Forestry Association, and was awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree in 1975 by the National FFA Organization.

He served the state FFA as State Convention Advisor for many years and helped train state FFA officers for their duties.

Bill Dudley

... membership in the Future Homemakers of America, the Young Homemakers of Virginia, the Young Farmers Convention in 1980, J. M. Campbell, then State Supervisor of Agricultural Education, called Dudley one of the "giants of agricultural education" in Virginia.

Dudley and his wife, Margaret, reside in Pamplin. They have one son, W. C. Dudley, III and one grandson.

Pamplin hearing slated

The Pamplin Town Council will meet Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Office to review and evaluate the handicap discrimination regulations of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

New sections have been added by Congress and are required by Revenue Sharing recipients.

All interested handicapped persons or groups representing them are asked to attend.

Town taxes have been mailed out

The 1984 real estate and personal property tax statements for the town of Appomattox were sent out last week.

These taxes are due by Sept. 30, 1984 or a 10 percent penalty will be assessed on the tax.

The town office will be open on Saturday, Sept. 29, 1984 for town citizens' convenience in paying these taxes.

If you did not receive your tax statement or have a question regarding the taxes you owe, please call or come by the town office before Sept. 30, 1984.

Beef is featured item here

Today is the day, Wednesday, September 12, for good. food, fun and fellowship at Paradise Lake Campground, off 460 west of Appomattox, when the Appomattox Lions Club is again sponsoring the Appomattox Fall Beef Festival.

The festival will feature U.S. choice beef prepared in a variety of delicious ways for your eating pleasure. In addition, live music will add to the enjoyment of the occasion.

"We look forward to seeing the people of Appomattox at the festival. Remember when you help the Lions Club in fund-raising events, you are helping others," said Ronnie Spiggle, co-chairman of the festival.

Food will be served from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. The gate to the campground will be closed at 8 p.m.

Proceeds from the event will be used to fund the Lions Club's charitable projects.

Football contest underway

The Times-Virginian football contest will get underway with this week's issue of the paper.

Football fans will have the opportunity to exercise their crystal balls and try to predict the out come of Seminole District and popular college football games as listed in the contest.

This week's contest may be found on page 7 of the Times-Virginian. Contestants are asked to please read the rules carefully before filling out the contest form. Be sure to have the contest page in before the noon Friday deadline.

Spiggle cites MDA volunteers

Appomattox Mayor Ronald C. Spiggle, at Monday night's meeting of the Appomattox Town Council, expressed appreciation to Bobbie Mullins, Judy Volture, Betty Ford, and David Garrett, Jr., for volunteering their time, energy and talent in making the 1984 MDA telethon a success.

"I want to express appreciation of council and the people of Appomattox to these employees of the Town of Appomattox for their work in the MDA telethon. Their hard work and dedication made it a success. They are to be highly commended for their contribution," Spiggle said.

Council voted to install a street light on location of Steve Pool's new place of business on highway 460 west of Appomattox, as requested by Pool and recommended by the Street Committee of Appomattox Town Council.

"It is my recommendation that the light be placed on the property line closest to town," said William Britton, Appomattox Town Manager.

Council members discussed a request from the Appomattox County High School Boosters Club for a street light to be placed behind the concession stand at Bragg Stadium. It was stated in the request that break-ins at the concession stand have become a major problem. Council referred the request to the Street Comittee for study.

In other business council approved use of the depot and town lot for Trade Fair tentatively planned for April of 1985.

On September 24, a joint meeting of the Appomattox Town Council, Appomattox Planning Commission, Pamplin Town Council and the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors will be held to review proposed zoning ordinances and maps as proposed by the Appomattox Planning Commission.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Greetings, on the quiet start of another week. For some years I kept a daily record of weather conditions at 7 a.m. on Martha Street, Appomattox. A year ago the thermometer read 60. Today 61. 1980, 58. Etc. Also kept the high and low readings for the day, rain, snow, etc. But have neglected this this year. Autumn begins Sept. 22 and think will start up my records again. And hope for the best.

Thanks so much to friends who have shared their garden yields with us. Especially Mrs. Dora Conner and Mrs. Irene Mays. I have no vegetable garden, but am going to have some decorative gourds. Planted some miniature sunflowers and this morning brought in one measuring over a half inches across. And some tall red and pink zinnias. And a deep secret, hid among the garden weeds is a round watermelon size of a croquet ball.

Sports... idea for a book. Most teams have nicknames. Fighting Irish, Indians, Cavaliers, Spiders, Tigers, etc. How about a look on The Facts Behind Sports Nicknames. How, when and why. Example, teams of my Alma Mater, U. of Richmond are known as Spiders. Seems that in the late 1800's, the baseball team had a very 'tall pitcher who had the habit of waving his arms in unusual fashion before each pitch. Someone described him as weaving a web, like a spider. The name took over. Even the school annual is called The Web.

Hurrah for my '68 Ford. Passed inspection with flying colors. Do not overlook your car inspection date.

Yard sales still popular. At one just purchased a book, "Growth and Struggle of The English Language."

ACHS teams are doing well. Girls are playing basketball. Won over Brookville. Footballers are off to a good start. At Univ. of Virginia, Appomattox's Kevin Ferguson started at quarterback, but lost to a nationally ranked Clempon team.

While on a trip to a local food store met my old friend, Ralph King. Remembered here for his food market, he is doing well in the livestock business near Concord. On same shopping trip found that my friend Repass has moved to Missouri, from the gas pumps in Plaza Shopping Center. Now manager at same location is Ms. Wanda Daley. Proving that ladies can be a success in most every line of work.

Last week I asked for support of the St. Anne's church auction and supper. Understand the event was most successful.

In the mail some papers from Dr. and Mrs. Carl A. Collins, Jr., from Kenya, East Africa. Gee, the stamps were lovely and will save. Dr. and Mrs. Collins are on a six-month church mission. Wish you the best!

Princess Diana would be welcome, but Hurricane Diana NO. This is the season for Nature's best in Virginia. Enjoy it.

Thanks for reading and seeya around Growing Appomattox.

Campaign Headquarters Opened

THE APPOMATTOX COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY opened a campaign headquarters Monday on Confederate Boulevard near Route 24. Joyce Crouch, wife of 22nd District Delegate Joe Crouch, and Dr. Max Graeber, chairman of the Fifth District Republican Party, cut the ribbon dedicating the campaign headquarters as Warren Zick, chairman of the Appomattox County Republican Party looked on. (Photo by Bill Sherrell)